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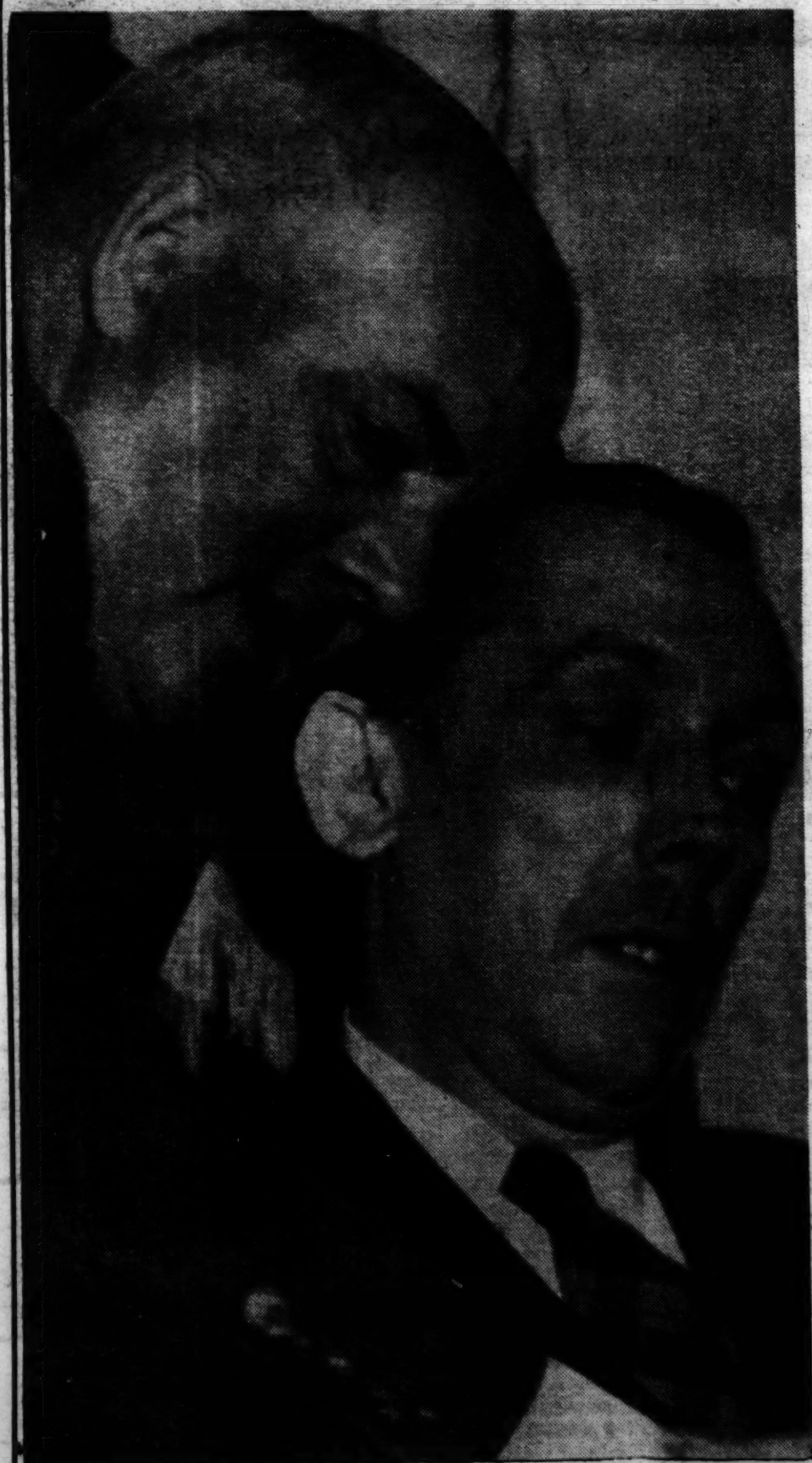
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DEAD MINERS ASKED SAFETY-AID IN 1946

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Birds of a Feather: Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (nee Feeney) of New Jersey, chairman of the House Un-American Committee, leans over to talk to his fellow Republican, John McDowell of Pennsylvania. McDowell yesterday called Karl Marx "a bum," complained that Joseph Stalin was no Marxist. (See story Page 3.)

—Daily Worker Photo by Art.

Un-Americans Set to Gag Radio, Movies

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House un-American Committee has been assured funds to invade radio, the film industry and all other media molding public opinion, it was revealed here today. Chairman J. Parnell Thomas announced Republican leaders had agreed to an immediate appropriation of \$50,000 to hire more investigators and launch bigger and better investigations.

The announcement follows the recommendation made yesterday before the committee by FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, who expressed strong dislike for present-day products of radio and the movies. He urged the committee to enlarge the scope of its investigations to cover "mediums molding public opinion."

Committee members have already indicated a desire for fishing expeditions into the nation's educational and religious institutions, as well as the book publishing industry.

"AGENT" LEGEND

Thomas told newsmen the House Administration Committee will approve the \$50,000 appropriation in a day or two.

The chairman interrupted the hearings this afternoon to declare the committee would issue tomorrow a report "establishing without a scintilla of doubt that American Communists are foreign agents."

The motion picture industry was virtually commanded today by Rep. Nixon (R-Cal) to produce films "telling the American people of the evils of totalitarian communism just as during the war they made films

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DENNIS SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, will address a mass meeting Sunday, 2 p.m., at St. Nicholas Arena, 69 W. 66 St. on "My Experience With the House Un-American Committee." Dennis will answer all charges and slanders leveled against him, including "draft-dodging," use of aliases, etc.

LABOR and the NATION

Flank Attack Against Liberty

An Editorial

STOP, look, listen and you'll notice a very important change of tactics in the un-American drive against the Communists and the Bill of Rights.

It's little more than two weeks since Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach proposed the outlawing of the Communist Party. Whoops of joy came from Rep. Hartley, GOP leader, in charge of the House drive, against the Wagner Act. But the un-Americans were soon faced with something they had not bargained for.

From coast to coast, AFL and CIO unions, Protestant and Catholic spokes-

men, liberals and even conservatives, protested against nullifying the American Constitution through outlawing the Communist Party.

There were hurried consultation among those in charge of the witch-hunt. The Chamber of Commerce and the head of the secret police, J. Edgar Hoover, came through with a new tactic.

Now they will try to carry out their subversion of the Constitution while pretending to stay within the Bill of Rights. Through executive edicts, persecution of the Communists without formally banning the Party through restrictive legislation, denying Communists their civil liberties, and through an extended witch-hunt all

over the country—they still try to carry through their original aim.

The GOP leaders in Congress promised \$50,000 more of the taxpayers' money to extend the witch-hunt. Schools, books, radio and movies are to be included. As never before, it is plain, they are out "to get" far more than the Communists. They want totalitarian thought control. Hoover's Gestapo will get you if you don't watch out.

Truman's disloyalty purge shows that this new drive threatens to create an American police state.

The effort to prove the Communists were subversive, or that their activities violated any laws, fell flat on its face. In

adopting their new tactic the un-Americans are admitting that fact.

Rankin's Jew-baiting and Negro-baiting have stripped the Un-American Committee down to its naked fascist make-up. The gagging of Eugene Dennis, who had appeared to testify on the true aims and views of the Communist Party, revealed how much the committee fears the truth.

Now, when the issue has been drawn so clearly, is the time for every freedom-loving American to take up the offensive against the extended drive of the Un-American Committee.

At stake are the free trade unions, free education, free press and every cherished liberty of the American people.

Starr Fulfills Un-American Expectations

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House Un-American Committee continued today to pave the way for laws restricting freedom. It was unnecessary to prompt Louis

Starr, Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander, about the danger of "Communist spies and saboteurs" in the event of war. The VFW chief appeared today with a prepared statement urging military control of atomic energy.

Nevertheless Rep. Nixon (R-Cal) asked Starr whether there was any significance in "Communist" activity on the West Coast.

"There is much shipping and raw materials there. In case of war

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Commander Louis Starr of the Veterans of Foreign Wars today endorsed the Rankin and Shepard bills to outlaw the Communist Party.

Starr approved the measures under questioning by members of the House Un-American Committee.

Just a few minutes earlier, while reading his prepared testimony—reportedly written by other VFW officials—Starr had opposed banning the Party. He reread to such action as "drastic" and "contrary to the laws and doctrines of democracy."

they can do much to hurt the war effort," Starr obligingly replied.

He agreed with Nixon there appears to be "a particular effort" on the Pacific Seaboard.

"Alaska is the key to the peace of the world. It's just a step from the West Coast," he added, informing the committee the VFW was looking into possible "Communist activity" in Alaska.

TEAMWORK

When previous witnesses failed to emphasize the "danger" of Communists in a future war—it's taken for granted here there will be one with the Soviet Union—committee members filled the gap with a few neatly placed questions. Witnesses, including FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, never missed the hint and replied with juicy quotes.

Starr used his appearance today to plug for military control of the atom to show the world "we mean business."

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Wising Up the Boys: Robert Stripling, who has fought democracy as an Un-American since way back in the Dies days, leans over to shepherd a couple of Republican newcomers, Rep. Richard B. Vall (left) of Illinois and Richard Nixon (right) of California.

Starr: His Work Pleased the Nazis

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in the Railway Exchange Building came and went George Stroup, red squad operative on the payroll of the Teamsters Union under the name of Drake, in the days when it was under racketeer leadership here; Al Rosser, teamster official later sent to the Oregon State Penitentiary for arson; and Hal Marchant, a "spy paid and controlled by the red squad," who was later indicted on riot charges here and in Modesto, Cal.

Starr's pal Stroup served with Harvey Swan and G. R. Frey on an American Legion committee to investigate subversive activities, which was dissolved, as set forth in the February, 1938, issue of the Oregon Legionnaire, because it "had exceeded its authority."

Typical of this self-styled brave patriot's methods was the case of a Lincoln High School student, Berton Cantor, back in 1937. A plain-clothesman called Cantor out of a civics class and took him to the office of Board Member Starr for an inquisition.

The school principal and his parents were not notified. The questioning showed that the boy had been closely followed because he was interested in organizing a branch of the American Students Union.

RECOMMENDED READING

He was asked what he read, and when he said he was interested in economics, Starr said: "If you want to keep out of trouble, this is the sort of book you ought to read." The volume proffered was a copy of the Red Network by Elizabeth Dilling, who a few years later was to be under indictment for sedition.

The boy dropped from sight after illness induced by worry over this and subsequent grillings.

LAW, WAR RECORDS

Starr opened his local law office about 1930. His name, however, has never been associated with any outstanding cases, it was learned today from a spot check of Portland attorneys.

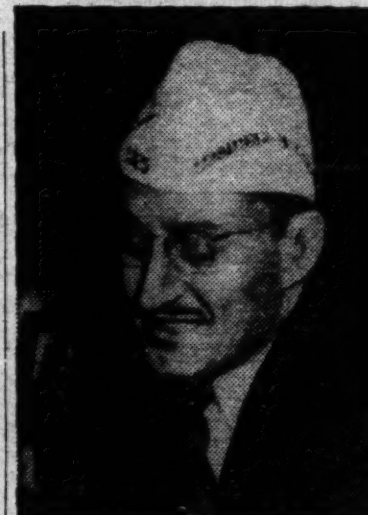
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Members of the Starr family differ as to what Starr will do if he is not reelected to the VFW commandership next Fall.

His son, Hal, declares that his father has "dedicated his life to eliminating subversive influences. He'll find something."

Mrs. Starr says all her husband wanted to do was "go fishing." She does not say whether or not the fish that interests her husband is red herring.

Miners Pleaded for Life a Year Ago

By Ruby Cooper

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 27.—Miners whose bodies were being brought out of Centralia Mine No. 5 last night pleaded with Republican Governor Dwight H. Green more than a year ago. "PLEASE SAVE OUR LIVES."

UN-AMERICANS ARE SORE—IT'S TOO LATE TO GAG MARX



McDOWELL
Doesn't Like Marx

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

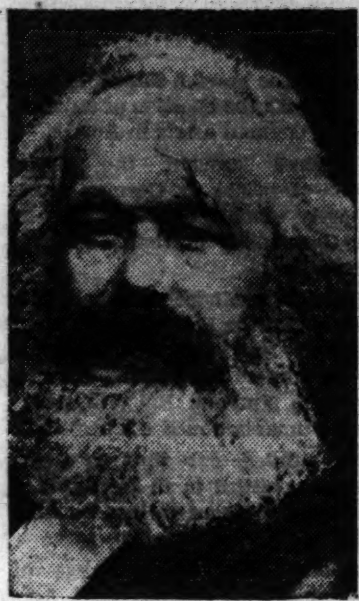
WASHINGTON, March 27.—Karl Marx was denounced by a member of the House Un-American Committee today because he was a poor man.

The founder of Scientific Socialism "was a bum, a shiftless scoundrel who wouldn't work," Rep. John McDowell (R-Pa.) said. He said this of the author of Capital, one of the most influential books of all time.

In an effort to do a thorough job, McDowell went so far as to imply that Marx's ideas were lofty but that he didn't live up to them.

Louis Starr, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was on the witness stand at the time.

"Marx was a renegade and a scoundrel, who thought very lit-



tle of his family and providing for them," Starr added, talking of the man who was hounded out of Germany, France, and Belgium, and whose married life was one of the great love stories of modern times.

Marx's poverty was bitter. It caused the death of two of his children. But never betrayed his devotion to his principles for the sake of personal gain.

McDowell also complained that Stalin and other Soviet leaders had really betrayed Marx, asserting their only connection with Marx is that they quote him once in a while.

McDowell concluded, "the only person who tried to follow the teachings of this bum was Trotsky."

Their appeal for life was unheeded by the Governor. No. 5 Mine became the death tomb for an estimated 111 coal miners Tuesday when an explosive blast ripped through its labyrinth of underground passages. Virtually all hope was abandoned for the 76 miners still unaccounted for in the mine's depth. Recovered thus far are 35 bodies.

Of the entire working force, 31 miners have emerged alive from the disaster, the nation's worst in almost a generation.

In face of extreme difficulties, rescue crews of miners from other parts of the state worked heroically and frantically to reach the still entombed miners.

Cause of the disaster is still to be determined. From conversations with surviving miners and others, however, it is becoming increasingly clear that the dangerous, and uncorrected, conditions cited in the reports made by State and Federal mine inspectors last week and earlier are responsible.

These reports confirmed the complaints made by the miners to Gov. Green a year ago, indicating the "dirty and dusty and unsafe conditions on the main haulage roads," which contributed to Tuesday's dust explosion, as well as the practice of the company of blasting and firing while the main working force of miners was still below the surface.

Today's belated announcement by the Governor that he would press for a full investigation was received with bitterness by surviving miners and the families of those still trapped in the mine's bowels.

Despite Gov. Green's assurance that the pending investigation will not be a "whitewash," Democratic State Rep. Prehns today declared he would "seek impeachment of Gov. Green if he didn't act on the miners' request" of a year ago.

Fearful that disclosure of the State administration's neglect would have a disastrous impact on the Republican Party's chances in next Tuesday's Chicago mayoralty elections, Senator Brooks, McCormick-

PLEASE, GOVERNOR GREEN, SAVE OUR LIVES

Following are excerpts from the letter addressed to Governor Green on March 3, 1946, warning of "a much worse disaster than the one at Gillespie, or Kentucky" at Centralia Coal Co., No. 5 Mine.

The letter was signed by Jake Schmidt, president, William E. Rowekamp, recording secretary, and Thomas Bush and Elmer Moss, mine committee members. All but Rowekamp are believed dead.

We the officers of Local Union No. 52, UMWA, have been instructed by the members of Local Union No. 52 to write a letter to you in protest against the negligence and unfair practices of your Department of Mines and Minerals.

In fact, Governor Green, this is a plea to you to please save our lives, to please make the Department of Mines and Minerals enforce the laws at No. 5 Mine of the Centralia Coal Co., at which we are employed, before we have a dust explosion at this mine like just happened in Kentucky and West Virginia.

In December, 1945, we preferred charges before the Mining Board against the mine manager and the superintendent of our mine and requested that their certificates be revoked for operating the mine in violation of the state mining laws and for ignoring the recommendations of the state mine inspector.

A special investigation commission was sent to the mine. They were very unfair to us. On the commission was Robert Weir, a boss for our coal company. They ignored the officers of this local union. They did not talk to us or give us a chance to call their attention to unsafe conditions or listen to our complaints.

We are giving you a chance to correct the conditions at this mine that may cause a much worse disaster than the one at Gillespie or the one at Kentucky.

Green spokesman in the U. S. Senate, is attempting to broaden responsibility for the mine disaster to include the Federal government.

MASS FUNERAL PLANNED

Many families here have lost father, sons and brothers all at once.

Only two officers of Local 52, United Mine Workers, survived the disaster. They are William Rowekamp, recording secretary, and Ed-

ward Albright, financial secretary.

The entire area surrounding the mine is mourning its dead. Normal business has been suspended, theatres have been closed, and all social, sports and recreational activity canceled.

At a meeting late this afternoon, preliminary arrangements were made for mass funerals for all unidentified miners who perished in the disaster.

UN-AMERICANS STAGE SMEAR OF DENNIS

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Rep. John McDowell (R-Pa.) charged today Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, had made a false statement as to his age when he registered with the Selective Service Board. Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) interrupted the hearings today to give McDowell and Rep. Richard Nixon (R-Cal) a carefully staged oppor-

tunity to make what they obviously considered dramatic announcements.

McDowell said that Dennis' real name is Frank Waldron and that he was born in Seattle, Wash., Aug. 10, 1905. He claimed that Dennis had given the date of his birth as Aug. 10, 1904. "It is applicable to call this man a draft dodger," McDowell said.

But when Thomas asked if he wanted to move for prosecution, McDowell said no. He was giving the

information to the committee for a "consideration," he declared.

When Nixon got his turn, he said Dennis is wanted by Los Angeles police for violation of city statute Section 406, "attempting to riot." He claimed Dennis was convicted on that charge April 14, 1930, and "skipped bail."

"If he returns to the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County courts, he will be subject to being jailed," Nixon said.

A Capital Cabbie and 2 'Commonists'

By Milton Howard

WASHINGTON, March 27.—After skillfully beating the red lights just in time, the cab driver turned slightly toward me and Rob Hall and asked:

"Say, did you hear Hoover's speech on the Communists?"

We said, "No. What did he say?"

"It was all about the Communists, how they had so much power that in Russia only about 40,000 of 'em overthrew the Czar, and here there is one Communist in every thousand like there was in Russia when they overthrew the Czar."

"Did he say they shouldn't have overthrown the Czar?" I asked.

"Well, no."

"You know," Bob said, "that Czarist government was rotten

anyway. If the people didn't want to get rid of it, no one could have overthrown it."

"That's right," the cabbie said. "I think people ought to have the government they want. The Communists are OK over there, I imagine. They done good for Russia. Over here, we have the best government in the world. It's got dirty places, but that can be changed."

"You know, it's a funny thing, but I was called a Communist once. I was a glass cutter, in the AFL local. I was making good money, but I couldn't see some of the other suckers making less than two bucks a day for eight hours work. So I started a union. Boy, did they come down on me."

"I didn't even know what a Communist was. But they said I was one."

He chuckled at the remembrance, and slowed down grandly at the intersection as he noted a motorcycle cop slyly awaiting traffic sinners.

"I'm a Catholic because I was raised one. I guess if I was raised a Communist I'd be one, or maybe

even a protestant.

"Well, anyway, they said my union was Communist."

Rob said: "Over in Congress they've got a bill to let employers fire anyone who is a Communist. So you'd have been in a spot if they had that law then. They'd have fired you."

Sputtering anger was in the cabbie's voice. "That sure is right. But how can they tell a Communist? They say you're one, and who tells if they're right?"

"Looks like the big G-man yesterday was talking about you," I remarked.

"Who, me?" The driver asked startled, turning full face to the back seats but driving straight as an arrow anyway.

"Well, waddya know. They sure called me a Communist back in the glass factory. I'll have to tell the wife when I get home. She'll get a kick out of it."

Post script: This REALLY happened.

ROB F. HALL

Violations Posted at Shaft Head

By Frank Mucci

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 26.—Surviving miners say the disaster was the result of a dust explosion.

Leo Pawlissa, 49, who worked in the mine but was home sick Tuesday, said the "dust in the mine was knee deep." Pawlissa's son, John, 21, and just out of the Navy, was one of those caught in the blast.

The Centralia Coal Co., was warned repeatedly by Driscoll Scanlon, State Mine Inspector, to improve conditions in the mine which constituted an "explosion hazard."

Still posted on the bulletin board near the wash house is an inspector's report of 15 months ago, dated Dec. 13, 1945, which warned about poor ventilation and hazardous dust conditions. An inspector's report of Nov. 18, 1946, warns of inadequate ventilation and that "haulage roads are dirty, dry and dusty. Advanced workings are not rock dusted."

Again a report of Jan. 21, 1947, warned of "inadequate ventilation" and excessive dust.

The last inspector's report which was dated March 18, a week ago,

declared that "recommendations of previous inspections not complied with, should be complied with."

A member of the rescue crew who was about to go in the mine, expressed what many were thinking when he said "some of the people who have been giving the miners hell should wake up now. I'd like to grab some of them by the neck and take them down the shaft with me. In fact, you wouldn't have to take them down. Just keep them here by the shaft and let them smell this stuff for a while. You wouldn't hear so much about overpaid miners," he said.

House Body Okays Bill to End Draft

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill to abolish the wartime Selective Service system at midnight Monday and to create an Office of Selective Service Records.

Probe! Probe! Probe!

By Alan Max

THE Chamber of Commerce in its testimony before the House Un-American Committee demanded an immediate probe of a lot of things, including the Big 3 Conference at Potsdam.

Now, General Marshall, in an attack on the Yalta agreements, recently insisted we must not retreat from Potsdam. So maybe the Committee will start investigating Marshall.

Another good subject for an investigation might be the landing of the Pilgrims, because of the alleged tie-up between Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds.

WORLD EVENTS

FARMERS UNION BACKS PEPPER BILL ON GREECE

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The National Farmers Union today added its support to the Pepper-Taylor-Blatnik resolution for relief to Greece through the United Nations.

In a telegram to President Tru-

man, the farm group opposed the administration plan for intervention in Greece and Turkey, which includes military aid.

"We feel," said the wire, "that the U. S. is setting out on a career of unilateral, imperialistic action that will doom the UN."

Help to Greece should be administered by the UN and the World Bank, and should be for peaceful purposes only, the Farm Union said. Turkey, it was added, should be excluded until its need can be established by a mission of the Food and Agricultural Organization of UN.

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Marshall Denies Rumors Of Premature End to Parley

By Morris Childs

MOSCOW, March 27.—The war of nerves on the Conference of Foreign Ministers, originating in London or possibly Washington, reached a new high today with a BBC broadcast from London claiming that Marshall and Bevin are preparing to leave Moscow on April 6.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall emphatically denied this report through his press secretary, Michael J. McDermott. McDermott said there was no basis for the BBC assertion.

However, some delegations have received inquiries as to their preferences for travel arrangements for the first part of April.

This, too, seems to be part of the pressure game.

The atmosphere of the conference is characterized by the same

inching forward, despite the divergence of views on a number of problems

Today the Foreign Ministers dealt chiefly with the question of a definition of German assets in Austria.

Marshall accused the Soviet Union of seizing as German assets property which was really stolen by the Germans from victims of Nazi persecution.

Molotov reminded Marshall that Article V of the Potsdam Agreement specified that the Soviet Union would take as reparations German assets in Finland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania and Eastern Austria.

He pointed out that thus the USSR is entitled to all the assets in its occupation zone in Eastern Austria.

Molotov cited an exchange of communications between U. S. Ambassador Averell Harriman and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vichinsky.

Molotov read the following paragraph:

"The Soviet government will dispose of other assets in Finland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania and

assets in Eastern Austria without reference to the British, French or U. S. representatives on the Control Council.

"The British, French and American representatives on the Control Council will dispose of all other German external assets without consulting the Soviet representative."

Marshall said that Molotov had not read the entire paragraph, but left out the first part of the sentence which read "it is the view of the U. S. Government that although the Control Council has control and power over the disposition of German assets..."

Molotov said he was glad to read it all since it strengthened his case.

He pointed out that the Soviet Union had received these controls over reparations as distinct from the Control Council's.

It was Marshall's view that the Control Council was required to take action before title to assets could be transferred.

State Dept. Says Nix to Yugoslav Plea for Food

The State Department has flatly rejected a second Yugoslav request for grain to help avert the famine threatening the country

Yugoslav Ambassador Sava Kosanovic asked the Under Secretary of State William L. Clayton to approve an allocation of 200,000 tons of grain and 50,000 tons of potatoes.

The department gave out with the same reason as on previous occasions—lack of shipping space and disbelief that real need for grain exists in Yugoslavia.

Official sources in London were cited as authority for a United Press report that Yugoslavia has also asked Britain for \$60,800,000 worth of food and other materials.

These sources indicated that the request would be turned down, UP said.

War Dep't Head Calls Greek Plan a Bargain

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that there is no better place for the U. S. to spend \$400,000,000 than in Greece and Turkey.

Rep. James P. Richards (D-SC) asked, "Assuming that we are going

to try to stop aggressiveness in Europe by Russia" if there was any place in the world where the money could be more effectively used? Patterson replied "no."

Patterson said he would not object to an amendment restricting the military missions to 100 men.

MORE NAZI ARMS?

Rep. Carl E. Mundt (R-SD) asked why Turkey should not be given captured German equipment, since most of her equipment is of German type.

Patterson said preservation of German equipment, by giving it to Turkey, might give rise to fear that Turkey would have to rely on German production.

Rep. Bartel J. Jonkman (R-Mich) said he couldn't understand how the U. S. could go on with its policy of "trying to overthrow an anti-Communist government in Spain" when Gibraltar is of such strategic importance to the Mediterranean.

Patterson said he didn't know about U. S. foreign policy in regards to Spain.

Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg and Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex) defended the Truman doctrine from charges that it undermines the United Nations.

U. S. delegate Warren R. Austin will convince the world organization that the U. S. has good intentions in Greece and Turkey, Connally predicted.

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Building the Communist Party

By Recruiter

AT THE risk of seeming pro-Brooklyn, this column sounds off with still another bravo for Kings County. Party members are being sent to Washington to sit in on Peter V. Cacchione's testimony before the House Un-American Committee. They will report on the hearings, to recruiting parties now being organized. Within minutes of Pete's final words, his statement will be out on thousands of leaflets.

Housing actions accounted for one-third of the recruits on the lower East Side. . . . New members accounted for 15 recruits on the West Side. . . . Political alertness in Chelsea accounted for 15 Greek-American recruits. . . . Defense of the economic and political rights of the Puerto Rican people accounted for 62 new members in Lower Harlem. . . . A consistent fight against anti-labor legislation by Communist clubs in the furniture industry accounted for 51 recruits. . . .

The Flynn Club sent out a mailing on rent control, received 40 responses and three recruits.

A Mohawk College student came to the Party and said he wanted to learn more about Communism. He added that there were eight other students who were interested. A class was formed with a Party instructor. Already two have been recruited.

In the Queensboro housing project and in Sunnyside, Communists raised funds for the defense of the Party in a door-to-door solicitation. Why not go back for recruits?

Struggles by themselves do not make Communists. Struggles plus Marxist explanation equal recruits, and the New Century Publishers announce new pamphlets to make the job easier. What You Should Know About the Communists (5 cents) persuasively underlines the argument "Why should I join the Communist Party? I'm doing all I can right now." What Do Communists Really Want (1 cent) outlines the 16-point program of the Communist Party for 1947 in a manner that makes it clear at once that the aims of the Communists are in the interest of the vast majority of the American people. In the works: A pamphlet by Joe North that smashes the two favorite slanders of J. Edgar Hoover that "Communists are foreign agents" and "plot to overthrow the American system by force and violence."

Birmingham Cops Gouge Eye of Negro Combat Vet

By Mary Southard

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 27.—Joseph Kirk, Negro combat veteran with four years service, was half blind in a Birmingham hospital today as a result of a beating by city police officers. His right eye has been removed. Kirk, 35, was born and raised in Fair-

Protests Free Indiana Worker

A protest campaign secured the release of militant Yugoslav-American steelworker, Steve Tandarcic, from Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., but he still faces deportation.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, 23 W. 26th St., reported Tandarcic was back at his Hammond, Ind. home pending decision on the deportation proceedings.

Thousands of letters, resolutions and telegrams forced his parole, although the Board refused release just two months before, the committee said. He served less than a year of his two-year sentence.

Tandarcic was convicted in 1945 on technical charges of falsely claiming American citizenship in a war plant employment application in 1943.

Senate Extends Rationing to June 30

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Senate today approved legislation renewing until June 30 the President's wartime controls on scarce food and commodities. This does not include sugar rationing, which Congress is considering separately.

field, a steel town near here. He served in the infantry in Italy and Japan. A college graduate, he was working as a painter's helper for the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. He is a member of the CIO United Steelworkers.

On the night of March 13 Kirk and a friend were waiting for a trolley, after spending the evening in a skating rink. Two policemen drove up, accused him of disorderly conduct, searched him for weapons and threw him into the car.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS

He at no time resisted arrest. He remembers little of what happened in the car, since he was knocked unconscious by the blows of the officers. He awoke the next morning in the hospital with a bandage over his eye and an "Arrest" ticket by his pillow.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress has organized a Citizens Committee for the Defense of Joseph Kirk. It urged that organizations and individuals write the Birmingham Chief of Police, demanding the immediate removal of the two officers, R. T. Ponder and J. Widner, and full compensation to Joseph Kirk.

Recent instances of police brutality provoked the Junior Chamber of Commerce to set up a committee to confer with city officials on eliminating stormtrooperism on the force.

SED Triumphs In Berlin Vote

The German Socialist Unity Party won overwhelming victories in the elections held in all four zones in Berlin over the weekend to select delegates to the city conference of the Federation of Free German Trade Unions.

Complete results showed that the Socialist Unity Party won 83 percent of the 436 seats for the conference.

In the American zone, formerly a Social Democrat stronghold, the SED won large majorities.

The Social Democrats won majorities in only two of Berlin 20 districts and those were in the British zone.

Green, Murray Back Cancer Fund Drive

Endorsement of the American Cancer Society's drive for \$12,000,000, which opens next Tuesday, was given yesterday by the heads of the AFL and CIO.

Asking for cooperation of CIO unions, president Philip Murray called the work of the American Cancer Society "one of the most important activities on behalf of the health of the people in America today."

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POLISH RECONSTRUCTION

Article Four

WARSAW.

NEW POLAND'S GOVERNMENT of National Unity, keenly aware that production is the science of politics, is focussing its energies principally on the tasks of reconstruction and development.

These are difficult tasks, despite the lessening of internal friction which marks the post-election period. They will be rendered more difficult in coming months by a critical food situation.

But though no minister or government official is disposed to brush aside the difficulties and dangers of the immediate future, I have yet to meet one who seriously doubts the Government's ability to fulfill its ambitious three-year plan and to lead Poland into an era of industrial expansion and proud national independence.

The recently announced amnesty for all political and criminal offenders, at home and abroad, who have not been deprived of citizenship and are not serving sentences of more than two years imprisonment, was intended to further stabilize the internal situation, as well as to draw underground and oppositionist forces into the task of reconstruction.

But most important for the Government's new efforts are the dividends it is already receiving from the reforms carried out by the Provisional Government which it succeeded. These reforms included the expropriation of huge estates and the distribution of land to the peasants; the nationalization of large-scale and medium industry, rail and water transport, and the banks; the campaign against anti-Semitism by attacking its base in the context of economic and social injustice; extension of the franchise; guarantees to millions of small land-holders, artisans and shopkeepers, and small private industrialists; and the resettlement and development of the western territories.

THESE MEASURES WERE not only prima facie evidence of the representative, democratic character of the Provisional Government to which the bloc of democratic parties owe their great election victory; they also laid the basis for the present Government's efforts vigorously to implement the three-year economic plan. Instead of being confronted by a disgruntled, debt-ridden peasantry, the Government can rely on the security which the peasants feel in their ownership of the land, and on their satisfaction at receiving aid in the cultivation and disposal of their produce.

Instead of having to fight an army of expropriated shopkeepers, retailers and small industrialists,

the Government is assured of the development of private industry in cooperation with the development of nationalized heavy industry.

Even today in impoverished and devastated Poland, the farmers and small businessmen enjoy a security unknown in the best years of pre-war regimes. They even contemplate the prospect of becoming rich, and the new Government is striving to encourage this prospect.

The immensity of the task may be seen by the goals of the three-year plan, with the general objective of raising the standard of living of the working masses above the pre-war level, the plan envisions attainment in 1949 of a 150 percent increase over 1938 in per capita production of producer goods, a 10 percent increase in per capita production of consumer goods, a 10 percent increase in per capita agricultural production, and this with a population of 24 millions as compared with 35 millions in 1938.

SPECIFIC GOALS WITHIN this over-all objective include: increasing the annual production of electric power from 3,880,000 kilowatt hours in 1938 to 8,000,000 in 1949; of coal from 38,100,000 tons in 1938 to 80,000,000 in 1949; of iron and steel and non-ferrous metals from 3,574,000 tons to 5,218,000 tons; of locomotives from 28 to 300; of freight cars from 569 to 14,800; of shoes and boots from 2,800,000 pair to 4,000,000 pair; of paper from 205,000 tons to 260,000 tons.

These goals include the construction of 186,000 new farm buildings and the repair of 151,000 old and damaged ones; the reconstruction of roads, bridges, telecommunication services; and the repair and construction of plants, factories, power stations, mines, and buildings.

In specific practical benefits to the Polish people, realization of the plan will mean a per capita national income of 824.8 zlotys in 1949 as compared with 505.7 zlotys in 1938. It will enable the Polish worker to consume more sugar, pork, poultry, fish in 1949 than in 1938, but less beef, potatoes and milk. He will be able to burn twice as much coal and to smoke three times as many cigarettes. The caloric value of his diet will rise from 3,693 grams per day—it is 2,141 today—to 3,820.

For Polish mothers, the plan's fulfillment will mean that 9,500

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One Who Survived: Fred Hellmeyer, one of 29 miners who was rescued from the gas-filled tunnels of the Centralia Coal Co. mine, tells of his experiences following the blast which brought death to an estimated 111. A Senate probe has been ordered into charges that safety regulation violations caused

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"—Then I told the union organizer he was wasting his time . . . that nobody was going to regiment me."

In the Negro Press

ASKS U.S. GOV'T AID SOUTH

By John Hudson Jones

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER columnist Marjorie McKenzie thinks the U.S. government ought to spend some money to bring democracy to the South. "The spending of \$400,000,000 in the American South under the supervision of expert personnel imbued with democratic philosophy, would certainly do more for democracy, if that were our intention, than the use of the same resources in behalf of a decadent Greek monarchy."

A companion editorial cynically observes about the United Nations, that "President Truman delivered the death blow to this international zombie" . . . when he made his money-to-Greece speech last week. Although the *Courier* has on occasion lauded UN, now it "was never anything more than an . . . instrument of postwar power politics, a device for lulling the war-weary masses of the world." The *Courier* evidently doesn't remember it was only because the spotlight was put on South Africa in UN by Mrs. Pandit that Jan Smuts' attempt to annex Southwest Africa was defeated. Her argument was based on S.A.'s terrible treatment of native Africans and Indians.

THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE, while for the President's loyalty purge order, naively suggests that it should have "honest enforcement." It, however, feels that among the subversives should be listed "the Rankins, Bilbos and Connallys . . . those who advocate and approve white primary laws, which are contrary to the Constitution."

It also has "no quarrel" with Secretary of State Marshall's recent definition of democracy that "a society is not free if law abiding citizens live in fear of being denied the right to work or deprived of life and the pursuit of happiness."

"Excellent," declares the *Tribune*, "after Secretary Marshall gets that 'brand of free society' functioning all over the world, it is our ardent hope that he will return home and force it upon his own government."

THE AFRO-AMERICAN says that when President Truman approved the 200-bed Jimcrow veterans' hospital at Mound Bayou, Miss., he insulted all Negro veterans . . . "and some 20-odd national groups who have consistently opposed it."

"American soldiers were hospitalized throughout the war without segregation. They are not

cording to last reports. Why then should the Veterans Administration set up a policy contrary to existing practice. We already have one Jimcrow hospital at Tuskegee. There is no need for another one anywhere."

THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE bows and scrapes to Truman and his "stop communism at all costs" caper. "Mr. Truman . . . despite bricks being thrown at him from the extreme left is in full possession of his faculties."

It wants to "save Mississippi as well as Greece . . . guarantee free elections in Georgia as well as in Poland." And then, after a few other bows, it dons the headpiece and declares, "President Truman has indicated by his actions in the past he is cognizant of this mission to make democracy work for all peoples everywhere. He deserves our support."

THE LOS ANGELES TRIBUNE joins the bandanna set with "we don't feel in the least insulted by President Truman for his snub of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., in refusing to invite Powell to the White House congressional reception. Powell ought just to keep quiet for a while."

PEOPLE'S VOICE columnist and ex-minister Ben Richardson announces he will preach again on Palm Sunday at the Harlem YWCA. "I will preach as a man moved by the urgency of these times. . . . In the wake of a fierce and costly war against fascism there are things to be said and done to make sure that the evil brought to suffering humanity is rooted out of our midst. . . . The people of Harlem in particular need to hear messages of Heaven on Earth and less of the 'Pie in the Sky' sort of religion."

WORTH REPEATING

"It is utter nonsense to suggest that the present Greek government is a democratic one. Three weeks ago our Secretary of State, Gen. Marshall, condemned many aspects of that government. He called for a political amnesty, substantial unity and many reforms in the government as the conditions of American aid to Greece. Why did President Truman abandon the conditions set by his own Secretary of State?" **Henry Wallace**, radio speech, March 13, 1947.

Press Roundup

Willie Wants Tiger-GOP Unity Against ALP

THE DAILY MIRROR claims "Tammany and the GOP have joined here," against the American Labor Party. Hearst's tabloid demands "the end . . . of the American Labor Party." Hearst demands an electoral system where voters have a "choice" between Tammany and GOP, really joined together.

THE TIMES recalls the unanimously adopted resolution of the UN General Assembly "calling for the world-wide reduction of armaments," and tries to assign the blame for the failure to carry out that resolution. The scheme to stockpile atomic armament here, or the decision to arm Greek fascists and Turkish totalitarians, are not the reason for that failure, according to the *Times*. It's the Russians who are "sidetracking atomic disarmament . . . concentrating on reduction of conventional armaments." The *Times* doesn't answer how it is that the Russians want disarmament in those types of arms which they have, but oppose disarmament, in those types where we have a monopoly. If it tried to answer that, it would have to tell the truth, that our delegates opposed any kind of disarmament in the UN Council discussion.

THE DAILY NEWS agrees with the *Times* it's the Russians who prevent "international atomic energy control." But the *News* doesn't want international atomic control. It opposed the Baruch plan when it thought the plan provided for international control. Now that it is reassured that the Baruch plan provides for an American atom monopoly, it publicly supports the Baruch plan.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE shows the differences between the democratic words of the Kuomintang in China and its deeds. "Even the resolutions of the Kuomintang's highest committee . . . are ignored in practice and remain nothing more than 'paper promises'."

PM'S Max Lerner says the saga of the Langley brothers is symbolic of America's policies. "We are prisoners in our own national house . . . bristling against a phantom enemy outside. . . ."

THE POST joins Hearst's *Mirror* and *Journal-American* in hailing the Truman "disloyalty" purge. The *Post* says the *Daily Worker* is dead wrong in "declaring that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is becoming a Gestapo. . . . Nothing could be sillier. The FBI is restricted to reporting facts." And if the *Post* tried to report facts, instead of propaganda for the FBI witch-hunt, it could discover that an FBI investigation reports the "fact" that so-and-so, a government employe, opposed Franco in 1937.

THE WORLD TELEGRAM'S Thomas L. Stokes sees "potential danger" in Truman's disloyalty edict. He fears an attack "at people, inside the government as well as out, who hold different views—though wholly within the democratic tradition—about social and economic problems."

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Centralia's Gas Chamber

CONGRESS was on an anti-labor lynching spree in the very hours that 114 coal miners gasped for air in the gas-filled mine of the Centralia Coal Co.

Hitler's gas chambers may be closed. But American gas chambers still continue to kill off a thousand or more miners a year.

Injuries and deaths among coal miners in 1946 totaled 58,000.

What is J. Edgar Hoover's FBI doing about this subversion, this force and violence against the people of America?

While coal miners were dying two miles under Centralia's surface, Hoover was before the Thomas-Rankin Committee running off his cracked record about the "red menace."

Let no one take very seriously the Senate's order for an investigation. These are the same men who fought side-by-side with the coal operator lobby against an effective federal mine safety law. They also hailed the injunction against the miners which forbids a strike, even in the face of death.

Illinois Gov. Green received a plea from officers of the miners' local in Centralia as early as March 3, 1946, to "please save our lives" by ordering enforcement of safety regulations "before we have a dust explosion."

Nothing was done. Some of the men who wrote the letter are among the dead.

The coal operators, as usual, shrug their shoulders. The risk of life, in their minds, is covered by wages. Miners were always killed. So why get excited now?

The Truman administration, titular boss of the mines, is no less callous. It is far more interested in Greece and Turkey than in Centralia or any other coal town.

The silence of the dead at Centralia cries out for an awakening among the people, for unity in the ranks of labor, against the hypocrisy, brutality and greed that rules the country.

What's the Rush?

A SERIOUS attempt is being made to rush the Truman-Vandenberg project for the militarization of the world through Congress.

We don't think the public is sufficiently alert to this attempt—and we think that the alternative to the Truman-Vandenberg measure is not getting the attention and support it deserves.

We mean the resolution proposed by Pepper of Florida and Taylor of Idaho in the Senate, and Rep. Blatnik of Minnesota in the House. That's the project for a relief loan to Greece (ignoring Turkey entirely) through the United Nations.

The administration measure is being rushed, while the democratic alternative is being hushed.

The Truman-Vandenberg bill is being heard in a committee which allots about ten minutes to opponents of the measure.

On the other hand, the Pepper-Taylor resolution hasn't yet been allotted any hearings. These must be ordered now, so that people can speak up on it.

Giving Greece aid through the United Nations—only civilian, not military aid—is the heart of the Pepper-Taylor idea. It reflects the popular fear for the fate of the United Nations, and it should get support from the widest circles, even those who may not agree with Pepper or Taylor on other matters.

And the resolution should provide that the United Nations give aid "without strings attached" and no help to the monarchist-fascist regime. Failure to mention these points weaken the resolution; we believe these provisions should be added.

But the first thing is to stop the rush on the Truman-Vandenberg monstrosity, and get full public hearings for the alternative—the Pepper-Taylor resolution.

AX-MAN



Letters From Our Readers

For Labor Demonstrations

Philadelphia
Editor, Daily Worker:

How soon will the CIO invite all the other unions to arrange a series of joint, nation-wide protest demonstrations against anti-labor bills, laws and court decisions, and for wage increases?

The vital thing is to get started, even if the AFL calls a similar series on the same dates and times as the CIO. It is the number of people participating that will count, not who arranges for the demonstrations.

The people participating will be united by the common purpose, even in separate demonstrations.

If enough demonstrations had been called before the Supreme Court gave its recent decision against the miners, the Supreme Court might have decided for the miners.

PHIL O'MEL.

Protests Schwellenbach's Ban Proposal

Philadelphia, Pa.
Editor, Daily Worker:

As a citizen of the United States of America I should like to join in the growing protest against Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach's proposal to outlaw the Communist Party in the United States. Our democracy is much more in peril when free people are denied the right to join any political party they choose. Democracy can only be kept alive when all opinions may be expressed.

Such a proposal as Secretary Schwellenbach's is undemocratic and contrary to our ideals of freedom of speech. I myself am not a Communist. I am a Negro, and I have seen Communists at work, both in helping to win the war and win the peace.

The progressive people of the country are with you in your fight.

SAMUEL GRANT,
UNITED CITIZENS PARTY
W. PHILA, Chairman

Likes Americanese Of Editorial

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

I must tell you that the editorial "Red Menace Racket" in the March 17th issue is excellent, since it's in "Americanese" and clear of cluttered expressions. Keep up the good work.

E. BRODY.

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

THEY FEAR LABOR UNITY

By George Morris

WHY ARE THE Social Democrats in American labor ranks so fearful of labor unity? It was David Dubinsky of the garment workers and his supporters, who at one time made a great deal of noise as "unity" champs. That

was back in the days when Dubinsky, having smelled around in the CIO for some months, decided to go back to the AFL. He justified his move as a step towards "unity."

A recent issue of Dubinsky's organ *Justice*, treats the whole idea of unity with cynicism and pronounces all hopes for it as decidedly dead. That is about as far as an AFL vice-president could go when even the first exploratory conference hadn't been held yet.

It's an old procedure of ours' when we want to know what Dubinsky has back of his mind, to examine the finger tips of the Social Democratic, New York Post columnist Victor Riesel. He, too has been ridiculing the idea that American labor could ever get together into one body.

BUT ON March 24 Riesel found it necessary to warn labor against unity. The big bogey he is holding out is that John L. Lewis is pressing for labor unity and expects eventually to be the head of the powerful united body. That, in his mind, would be the world's greatest disaster, and shouldn't even be thought of.

Because the Communists have been most actively hammering away for labor unity, Riesel thereby concludes that they "are already talking kindly" of Lewis.

We have often explained in these columns why the Communists are for united labor action and for actual merger. The primary consideration is the fact that labor faces a fight for life. Unless some differences are sunk and full strength is mobilized, there won't be much left to unite in days to come.

When we speak of unity, we fully realize that under present circumstances it means unity of people like Lewis, Bill Hutcherson, Dubinsky, Green, Philip Murray, Jacob Potofsky, Joseph Curran,

Albert Fitzgerald and Ben Gold. Those are the kind of leaders the American labor movement has today. If any of us put unity on condition that all leaders must be only the kind we like, then the youngest of us won't live long enough to see the day. We may sooner see a collection of such leaders in one concentration camp.

WHILE CYNICISM is what we get from men like Dubinsky, one must be blind not to see a difference of tone among some leaders. I judge the thoughts of men like Murray and Dan Tobin of the Teamsters not alone by what they write and say. Their off the record views express even greater fear of the recent turn of events in the country and the threat to their unions.

Bill Green wasn't the same when he appeared before the Un-American Committee to warn against outlawing of the Communists. And he refused to be drawn into red-baiting the CIO, which for Green was quite a sacrifice. So is even Lewis sobered a bit by the kicking around he received.

The Communists, and what I know of progressives generally, aren't afraid of unity. They view unity as primarily the fusion of the strength of millions of workers and the consequent advance that is bound to flow from it.

But, why are the Social Democrats so fearful of unity? The answer is simple. They thrive on disunity, on serving the most reactionary wing in the AFL against the progressive CIO. They have been accorded recognition in the AFL's most reactionary circles because they form a bridge towards Social Democrats in the CIO. Several times since Dubinsky returned to the AFL, the Social Democrats proved their usefulness in splitting away sections from CIO affiliates. This is the Dubinsky-Matthew Woll "unity" formula.

Would a united labor federation become a fact and the struggle turn against the common enemy, the Social Democrats wouldn't have nearly as favorable a vantage point for disruption as they have now.

Fighting Fund Dollars Spread C. P.'s Story

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

The big news of today is this—we had a full-page ad in yesterday's N. Y. Times and are arranging for similar ads regularly here and across the country. "That's the way the money goes"—as the old song says. Secondly, we had a demonstration of J. Edgar Hoover's version of "good old-fashioned Americanism" shortly before he testified freely Wednesday at the Un-American Committee hearing in Washington.

By technical trickery, the Committee barred Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, a voluntary witness, from presenting a 19-page statement on behalf of the Communist Party. It is a wonderful statement, and we intend to break through the fog of lies engulfing the American people today by publishing millions of copies of the statement that wasn't heard. Stand by for distribution.

Indignation at such fascist-like conduct of this Committee and the Rankin and Sheppard bills they sponsor, is fast mounting. Our morning's mail expresses it. Chicago is on the beam this a. m. with news of \$10,000 due here Monday. Gil Green, State Party Organizer, raised \$1,200 from a professional group; 11 steel workers in South Chicago pledged \$310. Illinois is also answering the attack by recruiting 1,500 new Party members, by July 4th. A good way to celebrate Independence Day.

Just while I'm writing, here comes \$500 from Louisiana, and they're starting on their second \$500. "Our own recent struggles to defend our Party fresh in mind," their organizer writes:—"our comrades in New Orleans, jumped into the fray again." Good luck, Irv Goff and all comrades in the sunny South.

Here's Utica, N. Y., raised \$1,100 in seven days. "Unprecedented" the largest amount we ever raised," they crow. "Our meetings have been packed. We recruited six people and

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Polish Reconstruction

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maternal centers will be available 1949, as compared with 2,873 in 1938. Here, the qualitative difference is all-important. In the maternal centers of New Poland, a woman is assured of 12 weeks complete care for herself and child at the expense of the State; in the old Poland, she bore her own expense, if she was lucky enough to be admitted to an institution.

The plan's fulfillment will mean little more in the way of theatre and radio entertainment than obtains today. Poland's planners believe in first things first. So all expenditures for social welfare are going into such phases as education, health, and social insurance. Even the rebuilding and beautification of Warsaw, Wroclaw and other devastated cities must wait on the restoration of the economy to a better condition than its pre-war status.

To accomplish its task, the Government will invest annually 20 percent of the national income. It envisions the maintenance of full employment, which will mean, in effect, an expanding employment of workers drawn from repatriates, training schools, the full utilization of women in the industrial labor force, transfer of workers from agriculture to industry, and the natural increase of population.

With regard to sources of raw materials other than those within Polish boundaries, the planners expect to import food and raw materials and equipment for the production of consumer goods in

Youth will be heard. Two little Long Island girls send \$10. A youngster whose mother was raising funds in the Bronx chipped in with his own \$1 which he earned taking little tots to school. Veterans of the class struggle, who remember how Frank Little met his death in 1917 to the Chicago Massacre of CIO strikers; Spanish vets and vets of the E. T. O. and P. T. O.; trade unionists and Party members old and young—let's finish the \$250,000 this coming week.

exchange for Polish exports of coal, cement, zinc, sugar, salt and certain selected manufactured goods, such as furniture, toys and carpets. They look forward to obtaining credits from friendly countries, and believe there are no objective obstacles to such relations with Britain and the United States.

TODAY POLAND's new Government is pressing for speed in the four principal aspects of this plan: in agricultural, coal, electric power and railway rolling stock production. Coal, its principal article of export, is called Poland's international currency. It is expected to be the means of accumulating foreign exchange with which raw materials for other industries and urgently necessary foodstuffs can be purchased abroad.

With the support of the powerful cooperative movement and the two-million strong trade unions, the Government is moving confidently to achieve its 1947 goals. Biggest threat lies shortly ahead, when the supplies brought by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency will cease. This will mean a sharp decline in the caloric value of the food consumed by the Polish workers, and will inevitably bring about temporary failures in meeting short-term production schedules.

But if the Government can overcome the difficulties this temporary period of hardship will bring—and there is no reason apparent to this correspondent why they should not—the day-to-day and month-to-month achievements of its economic plan will be a further source of political stability and social well-being.

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UE Plans Move In Bridgeport 'Charter' Ruling

Attorneys of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers yesterday studied the next course as a result of a Bridgeport court ruling invalidating the lifting of the charter of Local 203 in the city's General Electric Plant.

Judge John A. Cornell of Superior Court invalidated the UE General Executive Board's unanimous action, on the technical ground that no hearing was held before the charter was revoked.

The charges upon which the charter was lifted did not figure in the trial or ruling. The charter was revoked when officials of the local refused to heed the order of international president Albert J. Fitzgerald to refrain from expelling members of the union for membership in the Communist Party. The union's constitution expressly forbids discrimination on political or any other grounds.

The local's red-baiting officers had expelled 26 members, without trials or hearings, by the time Fitzgerald's order was issued.

Trujillo Jails CP Leader

Pericles Franco Ornes, Communist Party leader in the Dominican Republic, has been jailed by Dictator Rafael Trujillo.

Franco was the party's representative in Havana, Cuba, where he worked closely with various Cuban organizations, particularly the Cuban Communist Party and the youth movement. He was jailed shortly after he returned home.

Communications from Cuba emphasize that Franco is in great danger.

Trujillo has also refused to per-

mit Mena Blonda, a student delegate to the Student Congress in Havana, to leave the Dominican Republic. Student movements from many countries, including the U. S. American Youth for Democracy, have protested.

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BRING IDEAS, contacts, funds, Friday, March 28, 8:15 p.m., and hear Mike Gold, "Is Democracy in Danger." Lower West Side Section, 430 Sixth Ave. between 9th and 10th Sts., up two floors.

SPRING DANCE TONIGHT, 8:30, sponsored by Jefferson School Student PAC, 575 Sixth Ave. Entertainment, refreshments. Admission 75c.

Tonight Brooklyn

JOSEPH CLARK, Daily Worker foreign editor, speaks on Truman's policy, Greece and Turkey, at IWO Center, 927 Kings Highway, Bklyn. Admission free.

Tomorrow Manhattan

THE BUNNY & DAVID show party for children, and grown-ups too. Two hours of party fun, favors for all, party games, prizes and a variety of carefully selected acts. Special guest, Tom Scott. Marlborough Theatre, 58th St. and 6th Ave. Saturday, March 29th at 2:30 p.m. Admission \$1.20, \$1.50, \$1.80 at box office. All seats reserved.

MAKE A DATE now, for this Saturday nite, March 29th. Everybody is going to the American Labor Party's 11th annual entertainment and dance, Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl., N.Y.C., tickets \$1.30 incl. tax.

OUR LEGISLATORS, your legislators, Senators Sherbell and Assemblyman Kaplan are back from Albany. ALP 24th A.D. invites you to celebrate their homecoming. Saturday, March 30th, 8:30 p.m., at Spring Dance, Penthouse Ballroom, 13 Astor Pl., N. Y. To music of Lee Norman's Band. \$1.25 (in advance) \$1.50 at door.

MEET MORRIS SCHAEFER, Dave Field, and others at Solidarity Club Party, this Saturday night at 463 W. 145th St. (Amsterdam Ave.) Dancing, entertainment, refreshments. Admission 75c.

MUSICAL AND DANCE at the School for Jewish Studies, Saturday, March 30th, at 8:30 p.m., 13 Astor Place, fifth floor. Program will consist of Choral Group under the direction of Mendy Shain, Mildred Marshall, piano recital, mass singing, Manya Marshall in dramatic recitations, Edith Segal will conduct folk and social dancing. Admission 75c.

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COME AND SEE Archie Savage from Beggar's Holiday and Radishev Dancers at Solidarity House, Sunday, March 30, 8:30 p.m. Admission \$1.20.

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR, Spring term registration at Jefferson School, begins Monday, April 7th. Write or phone for Catalog "M," 575 Sixth Ave., WA 9-1600.

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Newark, N.J.

"THE TURNING POINT," the film that won the International Award at Cannes, France, and the Stalin Prize, will be shown for one day only in Newark, Sunday, March 30th, from one to 11 p.m., continuous at Newark Opera House, Washington and Court Sts., also "Rebirth of Stalingrad."

Philadelphia

STARS ENTERTAIN for Republican Spain, Town Hall, Broad and Race Sts., March 28th, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at American Committee for Spanish Freedom, Room 409, 1430 Chestnut St., or at box office, evening of the show. **FILM FANS** present: Lillian Hellman's "North Star" with Walter Houston, Anne Baxter, etc. Saturday, March 29, Brith Ashim, 1035 Spruce, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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In this corner

On That Jimcrow Ban
In British Ring

By Bill Mardo

HEVVEN KNOWS much work remains before sports in America are completely free of Jimcrow. But if we've got our disgraceful situation in bowling, baseball and tennis, to mention a few—we are, on the other hand, proud of the democracy on our collegiate gridiron, track, and professional prize ring. And it's about boxing jimcrow that we'd like to touch on today. Thanks to the Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong era of a decade ago, ring jimcrow was kayoed once and for all.

Not so in England. Did you know that British Negro scrappers are not allowed to compete for national titles over there? National titles, mind you, not to be confused with the various Empire championships which, we understand, are open to Negro ringmen. But the real prestige and money lies in winning the national crown.

This ban is fostered by the British Board of Boxing Control, bossed by Charles Donnell. The Board is under fierce attack today, and it seems the entire issue was touched off last week when Al Phillips of London was given a wildly unpopular decision over Cliff Anderson, Negro belter from British Guiana, in an empire featherweight title tilt. The much booed verdict drew considerable comment from London sportswriters, and reopened again the old jimcrow issue. The other day Laborite John Lewis said in Parliament he intended forming an association of promoters, managers and fighters that would "attempt to secure democratic representation on the British Board of Boxing Control."

Even Arthur Creech Jones, England's Colonial Secretary, was moved to attack the color ban while admitting there was small chance of the Boxing Control Board changing its policy.

Creech said in the House of Commons: "I regard this color bar as quite unjustified, and I know that it is strongly resented by Colonial peoples as well as by a large public in this country who are interested in boxing. I hope the Board can be persuaded to alter this practice, and with this in view, further representations will be made to them."

IT SEEMS to us that Britain's Labor Government should follow up its Colonial Secretary's words with further pressure against the Boxing Board. Just what the relationship between the Board and the Government is, we're not sure of. But an all-out attack against its jimcrow ban should be a must.

How would the British Board of Boxing Control like it if Joe Louis, a Negro and history's greatest heavyweight, were to deny Britain's Bruce Woodcock a crack at his title because he is white?

And what hypocritical irony the British ban is, considering that London will be the home of the '48 Olympics. The world's finest athletes, many of them Negro, will be competing in a country whose colored boxers are prevented from going right to the top if they own the ability.

JIMCROW HAS gotta go, be it British boxing, American bowling, or what have you. Because whether J. Parnell Feeney likes it or not, this is One World and the people's fight for democracy is one fight the world over.

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One Side, Utah and Holy Cross, Labor League Playoffs Here!

And now comes Labor basketball with its own big tournament!

Eight teams of the Labor Sports Federation's 16-team league will take part in a playoff series culminating in a big championship double-header and dance on Saturday night, April 5.

The teams driving for the title are:

1. Furriers Joint Board. 2. American Youth for Democracy. 3. Emerson, U.E. 4. Fur 125. 5. Brooklyn Postoffice Clerks. 6. Furrier Joint Council A. 7. Air Transport, TWU.

The eighth will be determined by the final regular league games. In the running are Fur B, Gimbel's, Railway Mail and Williamsburgh Local 65.

The big April 5 affair at Central Needle Trade's beautiful and capacious gym will present the two

survivors in a game for the championship. A prelim will determine third place. Dancing before, between and after the games will be to the tunes of Lee Norman's 10-piece band . . . till 2 a.m. Sports celebrities will be present and individual awards to outstanding players voted on and presented.

Tickets are priced at \$1.20 per, and are obtainable at LSF headquarters and at various union halls.

The first in the elimination series will be the game this Saturday night at Seward Park between Fur A and Emerson. A regular league game between the Joint Board and Local 125 will spell out this big night's play (both the latter are in the playoffs regardless).

Other elimination games leading up to the big nights will be played on Monday and Wednesday.



CERDAN



GREEN

Cerdan Big Choice Over Green Tonite

Marcel Cerdan rules a heavy favorite to win his second fight in America when he tangles tonight with classy Harold Green at Madison Square Garden. A capacity crowd will see the 10-round middleweight brawl between the popular French dynamo and his younger fast-punching foe from Brownsville.

Cerdan's aggressive two-fisted style won him a lot of friends when he decisioned clever Georgie Abrams in his Garden debut last December. The European middleweight champ is a real crowd-pleaser who, for all his 31 years, boasts boundless energy that keeps him moving in all the time and throwing punches from every angle.

—a la Henry Armstrong. This style has brought Cerdan an enviable record. He has won 97 of his 99 bouts, racking up 55 kayoes along the way.

In 23-year old Green he meets a speedy, stiff-punching kid who graduated from the welter ranks 13 months ago after his last fight with Graziano, the only one he lost in

three meetings with the East Side slugger. Green has a lot at stake tonight.

Tonight's show is the final Garden boxing program of the winter season. The 49th Street Swat Salon will again open its doors to the fisticuffs May 16, after the circus departs. As yet, no match has been ticketed for that date.—MARDO.

The 'Daily' Roundup:

Lindell Big Noise, Voiselle Is Ready

Yogi Berra isn't the only man manufacturing basehits at the Yankee factory. Johnny Lindell is battling furiously to prevent being traded and the outfielder with all that potential which has never been realized, whacked out a brace of homeruns over the Cards the other day. Tommy Henrich contributed a four-master to the cause, as did twirler Floyd Bevens. Hmm . . . shades of the old Ruthian Bombers, wot?

Brother Berra, of course, continues his merry way as a slugging converted catcher. The husky lad who now roams the outer pastures, extended his consecutive game batting streak to 13 against the Cards. His exhibition average now reads .298 and like the elevator, operators say, "Going Up!"

JACKIE ROBINSON'S ailing back got him out of that Dodger-Montreal game two days ago, but the great Negro star hopes to get into tonight's tilt at Havana. Every game is important to Jackie from here on in, now that Durocher is back with the parent team and eager to see him cover the first sack in competition against the Dodgers. Ex Dutch Schultz doesn't intend giving up his first base job without a fight. However, the light-hitting sacker poled out three singles against Montreal in the game Jackie missed.

BILL VOISELLE looked mighty good for 3 and two-thirds innings against the Frisco Seals. He yielded only three single singles, all in the fourth frame, and fanned eight. But the big Giant was slightly pooped late in the eighth stanza, walked three and was then relieved. His performance brought lots of

smiles to the rest of the team. That kind of pitching so early isn't bad, y'know.

JOHNNY EVERS, pivot man of the famed Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance combination, is in critical condition in an Albany hospital. The 65-year old timer has been in bad health the past five years, bedridden most of the time, and his latest setback came in the form of a cerebral hemorrhage.

MERLE HAPES, he of that bribe ill-fame, announced his retirement from pro football yesterday. Under suspension anyway, the burly gridder has signed a contract to coach and teach (!) in Bryam Consolidated Schools, a rural district near Jackson, Miss.

B'klyn vs. France in Garden Prelims

Matchmaker Nat Rogers has Al Pennino, Brooklyn lightweight, paired with Max Perez, France, in the eight-round semi-final. Two sixers bring together Lew Hanbury, Washington lightweight, and Billy Strauss, Paterson, N. J.; Walter Stevens, Newark lightweight, and James Carter, Bronx.

In four-round affrays, Rudy Pasco, Montreal featherweight, opposes Marvin Dick, Brooklyn; and Hal Anspack, Cherry Point, N. C., tangles with Tommy Burke, N. Y.

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Theatre

Simonov's 'Whole World Over'
A Warm and Witty Comedy

By Samuel Sillen

A delightful, heart-warming comedy has come from the Soviet Union for a friendly and we hope extended visit at the Biltmore Theatre. It is Konstantine Simonov's *The Whole World Over* in a fluent adaptation by Thelma Schnee.



In a more relaxed mood than his war-time play *The Russian People*, brought here by the Theatre Guild in 1942, Mr. Simonov now deals with post-war life in Moscow. The wounds of grief have not yet healed, but it is of the joys of peace and the labors of reconstruction that his people are thinking.

And this play is flooded with their common purpose and optimism. It is a work of great human warmth which, despite some obvious formal flaws, infects you with its mood of human celebration.

The whole tone of this work gives the lie to the frenzied anti-Soviet ballyhoo in the press today.

Dominating the action is Professor Feodor Vorontsov, in whose Moscow apartment the scene is laid. A man of around 60, Vorontsov is a witty, buoyant character who helps the younger people snap out of the griefs and shocks of the war period. His daughter Olya, about to graduate as an engineer, has lost her lover in the war and is resigning herself to marriage with a rather foppish architect whom she does not love. When Colonel Dmitri Savelev appears on the scene, returning to his old apartment which the Vorontsovs now occupy, the crafty professor sees his chance to

smooth the way for a real marriage for Olya.

Dmitri is himself a man who no longer allows himself to feel deeply about life, which seemed to come to an end with the murder of his wife and child by the Nazis. The development of his romance with Olya under the presiding genius of old Vorontsov is the narrative line of the play.

But it is not the "story" as such which concerns us as we watch the comedy, for that is fairly conventional and not a little contrived; Dmitri, for instance, undergoes his major change of heart not on the stage but in between the two acts. What captures us are the fine human values, the rich feeling about people, who are seen not in isolation from each other but in terms of their getting-together.

Even the lesser characters have their individual quality and importance, like the young soldier who is afraid to go back to his career on the stage, or the boy who was made an orphan by the Nazis and who has fought by the side of Dmitri, or the ex-Sergeant Nadya who doesn't want to go back to being a cook.

This is a comedy not of malice but of love, and it is a magical experience on Broadway, which usually identifies comedy with brittle cynicism or vapid sentimentality. And when you laugh, which is gratifyingly often, it is not at the characters but with them as they strive to adjust themselves to post-war realities with honesty and a certain awkward confusion.

What it boils down to is a belief in people and a devotion to the ways of peace. This is the "propaganda" of the play and its "politics." It is permeated with emotional health and sane wit.

And great justice has been done

to these qualities by an excellent cast. Outstanding is Joseph Buloff who as Professor Vorontsov gives one of the best performances I have seen in a very long time. Buloff is delightfully shrewd and self-assured. He is the pivot of the play and his presence is felt throughout. You must not miss his supple performance.

As his daughter Olya, Uta Hagen does an able job in a part that is too sketchily defined. Stephen Bekassy's Colonel Dmitri struck me as a little too stiff, especially in the first act, but it is on the whole an effective performance. Firm portrayals are given by Sanford Meisner as Olya's suitor Sergei; by Lou Polan as the effusive Colonel Ivanov; Elizabeth Neumann as Vorontsov's sister from the provinces; Fred Stewart as the boy Stepan, Michael Strong as the soldier Nicolai, Jo Van Fleet as Major Anna Orlov, the army surgeon; Beatrice De Neergaard as Nadya and George Bartenieff as the janitor who wins her heart, but not her agreement to cook for him.

The production is excellently directed by Harold Clurman, who gives us here some of the values of the Group Theatre days. The setting and costumes are by Ralph Alswang.

All in all, a play not of major stature but wonderfully alive and human, a welcome guest these days.

School Lunch Fund
Urged by Consumers

Support for deficiency appropriations to permit the continuance of the national hot school luncheon program was urged yesterday by the New York City Consumer Council.

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Books

Noted Authors Join
Don West Defense Group

Aroused by the attempt of Georgia book-burners to punish Don West, southern poet and progressive, "The Committee to Defend Don West" was formed during the week by leading American authors.

Together with Contemporary Writers, the anti-fascist authors' organization led by Erskine Caldwell and Howard Fast, the Committee includes Arnaud D'Usseau, James Gow, Henrietta Buckmaster, Millard Lampell and Eve Merriam.

In issuing a call for other writers to join the Committee it was pointed out that the alleged libel suit was "an attempt to ban the author when it is not possible to invent even the most dubious means by which to ban his book."

FIGHT FOR PROGRESS

Don West, whose fight for progress and equality in his native Georgia is well known, is being sued for \$10,000 for having used the name "Charles Lewellen" in one of the poems appearing in his collection of verse *Cloths of Southern Earth*. The name "Lewellen" is a common one in this section of the United States and while West used it in a poem dealing with Harlan, Kentucky, the suit against him is being pressed by a person of the same name in Georgia. The white supremacists, klansmen and assorted Georgian reactionaries are raising a loud cry for the conviction of West who symbolizes the growing and militant democratic movement in the South.

It is the opinion of the Committee To Defend Don West that the "libel

suit, while ridiculous in its legal aspects, will be used as an attempt to still the voices of all Southern authors who see the future of the South as a progressive one." The Don West fight, the Committee points out is a "part of the whole campaign against the attempt to crush the democratic rights of the entire people."

Eve Merriam, winner of the Yale award in poetry last year, is the Committee's Executive Secretary. Contributions toward the Defense of Don West can be mailed to Eve Merriam, c/o Contemporary Writers, Hotel Albert, 65 University Place, N. Y. 3.

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. the CW affair "Writing Out Loud" will open the campaign to defend Don West. Millard Lampell, the well known radio dramatist, and Arnaud D'Usseau, co-author of "Deep Are the Roots" will address the people at the Fraternal Club House, 110 W. 48 St., here "Writing Out Loud" is being presented.

The program for the evening includes: the dramatic reading of a new and unpublished short story, *Departure* by Howard Fast and the dramatization of the works of new anti-fascist writers; dancing to the Band of Jerry Malcolm; and refreshments. The show will be produced by Peoples Radio Foundation. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Rich Man's Tax Relief Approved by House

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House today passed, 273 to 173, the GOP's tax reduction bill which increases by 3.1 percent over the present law the spendable income of persons earning \$2,000 annually, and by 70.07 percent for individuals making \$500,000.

The GOP command took full credit for the measure which passed on a strict party line vote. The Democratic minority reached its peak vote on a motion to recommit instructing the Ways and Means Committee "to work out more equitable relief for the lower income brackets."

Although this last stand never had a chance, it mustered 172 votes to the 237 for the majority.

Widely hailed as "tax relief," the bill cuts \$4 billion off the federal income by a 30 percent reduction for persons with a taxable income up to \$1,000, and 20 percent out for those making over that sum and up to \$302,000, where the cut becomes 10.5 percent.

Democratic Party speakers were quick to point out, however, that the Knutson bill as amended and passed awards a tax cut of only \$3 a year to the man and wife with \$1,200 income, while the man with \$1 million income finds himself with \$110,000 more than under the current law.

When the Senate reaches the measure it is expected to be amended to become effective July 1 instead of being retroactive to last Jan. 1.

School Pay Rise Inadequate—NEA

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The National Education Association today praised the teachers' pay raise action of 12 states and 15 large cities as "a magnificent effort," but said it "is not enough."

Willard E. Givens, NEA executive secretary, said in a statement that there is still an imperative need for federal aid to education.

He said the children deserve teachers who are college graduates and are worth at least \$2,400 annually with a prospect of advancement to the \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year brackets.

Dewey OKs Bill Banning Gov't Employee Strikes

Governor Dewey yesterday approved the Condon-Wadlin bill barring public employees from striking in New York State under penalty of automatic dismissal. The anti-labor

Seek to End Ford 'Company Security'

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, March 27.—UAW-CIO representatives of 140,000 Ford workers today voted in a national conference to eliminate from their proposed new contract all "company security" clauses.

More union representatives in the shop was voted, in a proposal to the Ford Motor Co., that there be one union committeeman for every foreman.

Another contract change under discussion is that the contract shall have no wage freeze in it.

The union will ask the Ford Motor Co. for wage discussions immediately instead of waiting until the contract expires May 31. Sentiment prevails to keep wages separate from the contract discussions. Last year the company used the 18½ cents wage increase as a black-jack to put over company security.

John Bugas, ex-FBI chief of Detroit, now a vice-president of Ford's, claimed recently that hundreds of man-hours of production had been gained through company security.

Loomis Sentenced To Chain Gang

ATLANTA, March 27.—Homer L. Loomis Jr., secretary of the Columbians, was sentenced yesterday to 24 months on a Georgia chain gang and six months in jail. He was convicted Wednesday on charges of usurpation of police powers.

Loomis is appealing a February sentence of one year for a riot conviction.

measure has been under bitter attack by many organizations including AFL State Federation of Labor and State CIO Council.

Saul Mills, executive secretary of the City CIO, said yesterday of Dewey's action:

"With Dewey's signature making the Condon-Wadlin bill a state law, public employees now more than ever before need a union to protect themselves against capricious and unwarranted dismissal and intimidation."

"The CIO in this city stands ready," Mills said, "to protect to the fullest extent the civil and democratic rights of any public employee."

He said that "by signing the bill without allowing any public hearing Gov. Dewey has given final proof of his own smallness, arrogance and vindictiveness."

Mills declared: "An excellent contrast to Gov. Dewey's beat-them-down labor policy is the recent public announcement by Mayor O'Dwyer setting forth a constructive labor policy under which city employees are free to organize and administrations are obliged to meet with them and their representative on wages and working conditions."

Phone Strike

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Chairman Fred A. Hartley, (R-N.J.), of the House Labor Committee said tonight he will sponsor legislation giving President Truman power to seek an injunction to forestall the nationwide telephone strike scheduled for April 7.

UN-AMERICANS SET TO GAG RADIO, MOVIES

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exposing totalitarian fascism."

Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and former head of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, testifying before the committee, assured Nixon the motion picture industry would do so.

Johnston made a vigorous effort to get the goodwill of every committee member, including John E. Rankin (D-Miss). He insisted he considered Communist foreign agents engaged in conspiracy to overthrow the government by force and violence. He attacked the Soviet Union as a place where "top Communists live high while the people starve."

"I hope the American people will slam the door on Russia in Greece and Turkey," he exclaimed.

He attacked by name John E. Rankin, "You are an expert on legislation, Mr. Rankin. You will know how to strengthen the treason laws."

Rankin beamed, "Thank you," but he persisted, "J. Edgar Hoover told us Communists are conspiring to overthrow the government. I can't see why you don't support my bill."

"I do not question Mr. Hoover," Johnston replied. "I have the greatest confidence in him."

Johnston sought to head off, if possible, the invasion of Hollywood by the un-American Committee's Gestapo. Although he condemned communism in language no different from that of Hoover, and promised the committee the heads of the motion picture industry would drive out all "subversives," he was unable to change the minds of the committeemen.

Chairman Thomas thanked him for appearing, and added: "We'll be seeing you soon in Hollywood."

Johnston gave lip service to preserving the Bill of Rights while urging extension of President Truman's witch-hunt in the federal service to unions, cooperatives and corporations.

"Management and labor must work together to expose and to eliminate Communists in industry and in unions," Johnston declared.

At the same time he warned "indiscriminate labeling" would "play into the hands of the Communists."

Johnston opposed outlawing the Communist Party, proposing instead

further investigation to determine whether it is a "fifth column" and its members "foreign agents."

"If the treason and sedition laws are adequate to deal with their conspiratorial activities, enforce them," he said. "If these laws are inadequate, strengthen them."

He added:

"I would rather have the Communists on the ballot than risk the danger of undermining the right of franchise. I'd prefer to extend the Communist's every right to propagate their beliefs by means of the written word than risk the danger of undermining the right of free speech."

But a little later in his prepared testimony he said if Truman's order bans Communists from government jobs on grounds of disloyalty the same standard should hold for leadership posts in unions, cooperatives and corporations.

Johnston took pains to clear the motion picture industry of charges it is influenced by "Communists." He insisted the films are serving capitalism effectively as a propaganda medium. He said Hollywood productions are under "Communist" attack throughout the world.

BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

THE UN-AMERICAN hearings have given Franco his biggest lift since the Hitler days. When Bullitt was urging intervention in France because the Communists are strong there, a nattily dressed gent was seen literally dancing with glee exclaiming, "Wonderful! Wonderful!" Then he passed his card around to the press boys:

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TOWN TALK

Most bookies are now refusing to accept bets on pro basketball games. . . .

Report from a private showing of Charlie Chaplin's new film, *Monsieur Verdoux*—A Comedy of Murders: Only about 50 guests were privileged to see it and the unanimous opinion there was that it's the finest and most courageous film Chaplin has done. In addition to acting the title role, Chaplin as usual wrote the screen play, the music; produced and directed. Prediction is also that his use of Martha Raye in the picture will revive her movie career. . . .

Talk at City Hall that Mayor O'Dwyer is refereeing a feud among members of his inner circle. . . .

Todd Duncan will sing at the Edinburgh Arts Festival this July and August. . . .

This I Gotta See: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will do Dostoyevsky's novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, with Robert Taylor and Van Heflin. . . .

Frank Sinatra may be poison-penned soon by Westbrook Pegler and Robert Ruark of Scripps-Howard. Sinatra's crime: being against racial discrimination. . . .

Radio's iron curtain has just descended on another liberal voice. The Washington D. C. station, WINX, owned by the *Washington Post* has just discharged its special events director, Sol Panitz. Dismissal came only 24 hours after Panitz had been cited as winner of the 1947 *Variety* award for documentary radio drama. Panitz' weekly series opposed racial and religious intolerance. The station manager didn't even bother to show *Variety's* telegram notifying the station of Panitz' award to the prize winner. Panitz learned of his selection only when a copy of *Variety* reached his office. His prize winning script—an expose of the Ku Klux Klan. . . .

Eugene Ormandy will leave immediately after the close of the Ann Arbor Festival this May for South America to conduct a series of concerts in Buenos Aires. . . .

That was something at the CCNY-Holy Cross game at the Garden last Saturday. Between halves a stunning gal who obviously out-Russelled Jane Russell walked down the aisles and brought the whole Garden crowd to its feet whistling like mad. When she returned to her seat she was forced to get up again, to prouette, take a bow and beg off. . . .

Henry Morgan will emcee the American Veterans Committee's Advertising and Radio Chapter Cocktail Carnival at the George Washington hotel today. . . .

Ben Ross Berenberg, who directed *Tid Bits* of 1946 will direct the P.C.A.-Henry Wallace meeting. . . .

Virginia Mayo and Michael O'Shea working on a radio series on the life of Jack London. . . .

Those three legitimate theatres that will be torn down next year are the Bijou, the Morosco and the Fulton. This increasing shortage of legits is one of the main factors stifling the theatre today and tightening the monopolist grip of the Schuberts. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

Nieman fellows are top American professional journalists who are awarded a special type of Harvard scholarship each year.

Recently, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who is traveling around the country trying to sell the red-baiting ADA (Americans for Democratic Action) to unsuspecting liberals, dropped in, uninvited, to speak to the fellows at Harvard. But the boys were too hep and gave him such a verbal trouncing that Schlesinger is still licking his wounds. . . .

Earl Conrad's book, *Jim Crow America*, is out, and is pretty hot on some usually neglected aspects of Negro discrimination.

When Bilbo was leaving the Puora Hospital in New Orleans after his operation, Lawrence Gellert walked up to him and handed him a gift package. Bilbo, pleased, asked "Cigars?" He opened the package—looked—and his burly aides surrounded him to prevent the photographers from snapping a corking shot—Bilbo walked off with a copy of *Jim Crow America*. . . .

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Warren Dismissal Rapped By Labor-Industry Group

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Senate Appropriations Committee today defended Labor Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren as a "loyal and patriotic American."

Warren and 101 of his aides were denied salaries during the next fiscal year in the Labor Department appropriation bill recently approved by the House and now pending be-

The statement was signed by V. P. Ahearn, Louis Ruthenburg and Clarence O. Skinner for industry; and Frank P. Fenton, Boris Shishkin, Clinton S. Golden and Alan Strachen for labor.